

**AGENTS THAT SPECIFICALLY BLOCK CD28-MEDIATED SIGNALING AND  
USES THEREFOR**

**Abstract of the Disclosure**

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The instant invention provides compositions and methods for downmodulation of immune responses, e.g., autoimmune responses. For example, methods of downmodulating an immune response using agents that specifically block CD28-mediated signaling are provided. The subject methods are useful for both prophylactic and therapeutic

10 downmodulation of immune responses.

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